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SUBJ: JUNE 25-26 EC COUNCIL: MISCELLANEOUS

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1. THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (FOREIGN MINISTERS)
HELD A TWO- DAY MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG ON JUNE 25 AND 26. THE
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FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL: COMMUNITY
RELATIONS WITH NORWAY, THE COMMUNITY' S AID POLICY, THE EUROPEAN
MONETARY COOPERATION FUND, THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH
TURKEY, AID TO THE SAHELIAN AREA OF AFRICA (SEPTTEL), COMMUNITY

SUBSIDIES FOR COKING COAL, THE COMMUNITY' S PREPARATIONS FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (REFTEL), THE COMMUNITY' S NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AFRICAN ASSOCIATED AND COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIABLE COUNTRIES (SEPTTEL), THE COMMUNITY' S MEDITERRANEAN POLICY (SEPTTEL), GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS (SEE EC BRUSSELS 3546) AND GRAIN STANDSTILL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US. THE COUNCIL ALSO HEARD A REPORT FROM ITS PRESIDENT ON THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT' S RECENT DEBATE ON GREECE (SEE EC BRUSSELS 3127) AND PARTICIPATED IN A CEREMONY FOR THE SIGNING OF THE NEW COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND YUGOSLAVIA.

2. NORWAY. THE COUNCIL ADOPTED THE COMMISSION' S PROPOSED REGULATIONS REGARDING THE COMMUNITY' S RELATIONS WITH NORWAY. THESE REGULATIONS WILL GOVERN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY, THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN ADOPTED, AND THE SURVEILLANCE PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN NORWEGIAN SENSITIVE PRODUCTS. THE ADOPTION OF THESE REGULATIONS WILL PERMIT THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE COMMUNITY' S AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY ON JULY 1.

3. AID. THE COUNCIL HAD A FAR- RANGING DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COMMUNITY POLICY ON DEVELOPMENT AID. THERE WAS A SURPRISING AMOUNT OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND THE EIGHT OTHER MEMBER STATE DELEGATIONS. THE FRENCH REPORTEDLY WANT COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE TO LDCS TO BE LIMITED TO THE ASSOCIATED AND ASSOCIABLE COUNTRIES AND CERTAIN COUNTRIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA. THE OTHER EIGHT DO NOT WANT TO BE THAT RESTRICTIVE. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS DISCUSSION, THE COUNCIL INSTRUCTED THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTINUE TO EXAMINE THIS QUESTION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE COUNCIL MEETING.

4. MONETARY COOPERATION FUND. MEETING AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES, RATHER THAN AS THE EC COUNCIL, THE MINISTERS DECIDED TO LOCATE THE EUROPEAN MONETARY COOPERATION FUND IN LUXEMBOURG, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND REVIEW PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1975. AS A PART OF THIS AGREEMENT, TWO LIAISON OFFICES WILL BE ESTABLISHED: THE FUND WILL ESTABLISH A LIAISON OFFICE IN BRUSSELS AND THE COMMISSION WILL ESTABLISH AN OFFICE UNCLASSIFIED

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IN LUXEMBOURG. A UK SPOKESMAN STATED THAT HIS DELEGATION IS SATISFIED WITH THIS RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM BECAUSE A COMMITMENT WAS UNDERTAKEN TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AND TO ESTABLISH THE LIAISON OFFICES. HOWEVER, AN ITALIAN DELEGATION SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE DECISION MEANS IN EFFECT THE FUND WILL BE LOCATED IN BRUSSELS, WITH A TELEPHONE OFFICE IN LUXEMBOURG, BECAUSE THE LIAISON GROUP IN BRUSSELS WILL BE CHARGED WITH THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE OPERATIONS.

5. TURKEY. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED PREPARATIONS FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATION WITH TURKEY, WHICH IS TO BE HELD AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN ANKARA ON JUNE 30. THE COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED THE TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL TO THE ANKAARA AGREEMENT COVERING

THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

6. COKING COAL. THE SUBJECT OF COKING COAL WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA ONLY AT THE LAST MINUTE AFTER THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HAD BEEN UNABLE TO RESOLVE ITS DISAGREEMENT AT A MEETING ON JUNE 25 IN BRUSSELS. THE DISAGREEMENT HAS ARISEN BECAUSE OF THE METHOD USED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO BE REQUIRED OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY TO THE COMMUNITY'S PROGRAM OF SUBSIDIES FOR COKING COAL. THE DUTCH AND THE ITALIANS CALCULATE THE REQUIRED INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION ON THE BASIS OF A DISTINCTION MADE BETWEEN COKING COAL OBTAINED FROM COMMUNITY SOURCES AND THAT OBTAINED FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY, WHEREAS THE COMMISSION CALCULATES THE INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION ON THE BASIS OF CONSUMPTION, REGARDLESS OF SOURCE. THE COUNCIL WAS ALSO UNABLE TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM, IN SPITE OF VARIOUS COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS WHICH WERE PUT FORWARD. (THE DECISION MUST BE TAKEN IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 95 OF THE COAL AND STEEL TREATY WHICH REQUIRES A UNANIMOUS DECISION.) THE COUNCIL REFERRED THE PROBLEM BACK TO THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

7. GRAINS STANDSTILL. THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE RESPONSE BY THE COMMUNITY TO THE REQUEST OF THE US FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE GRAINS STANDSTILL. WE WERE TOLD BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT VAN ELSLANDE THAT THE ITEM WAS APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE ON THE BASIS OF A PAPER WHICH HAD BEEN JOINTLY PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION AND THE FRENCH. THE TEXT OF THE COUNCIL'S DECISION, AS STATED IN ITS PRESS
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RELEASE, READS AS FOLLOWS: " THE COUNCIL NOTED THE AGREEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY FOR A POSITIVE REPLY TO THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ENTER INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS REQUIRED BY THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED MARCH 7, 1962, BETWEEN THE EEC AND ITS MEMBER STATES ON THE ONE PART AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE OTHER PART, REGARDING QUALITY WHEAT, MAIZE, AND CERTAIN OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. IT HAS TAKEN NOTE THAT THE COMMISSION WILL LIMIT ITSELF DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO AN EXAMINATION OF THE FACTS ONLY AND THAT IT WILL MAKE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND WILL REQUEST FROM IT DIRECTIVES IF THE NEED ARISES."

8. THE COUNCIL DID NOT DISCUSS TWO ITEMS ON ITS ANNOUNCED AGENDA: THE COMMUNITY'S INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S DECISION- MAKING PROCEDURES. THE FIRST ITEM HAS NOW BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 25-24 COUNCIL. GREENWALD

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